

Drug Checking Expansion across the United States and Latin America: An Annual Survey

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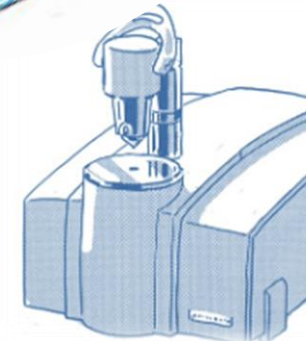
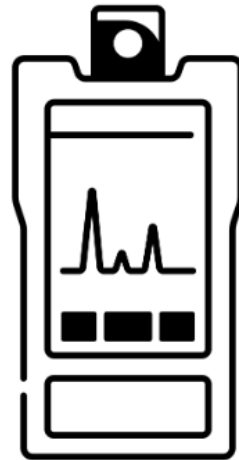


Background: Current Reality



Background: What is Drug Checking?

- ▶ Informs individuals what could be in their drugs
- ▶ Existed since the 70's
- ▶ Use a variety of testing tools
- ▶ Models include community-based, lab based, and mobile



Methods



Annual survey starting in 2022



Open to programs offering drug checking (not distribution of testing materials)



In operation for at least 6 months



Recruited through Alliance for Collaborative Drug Checking and Snowball Sampling



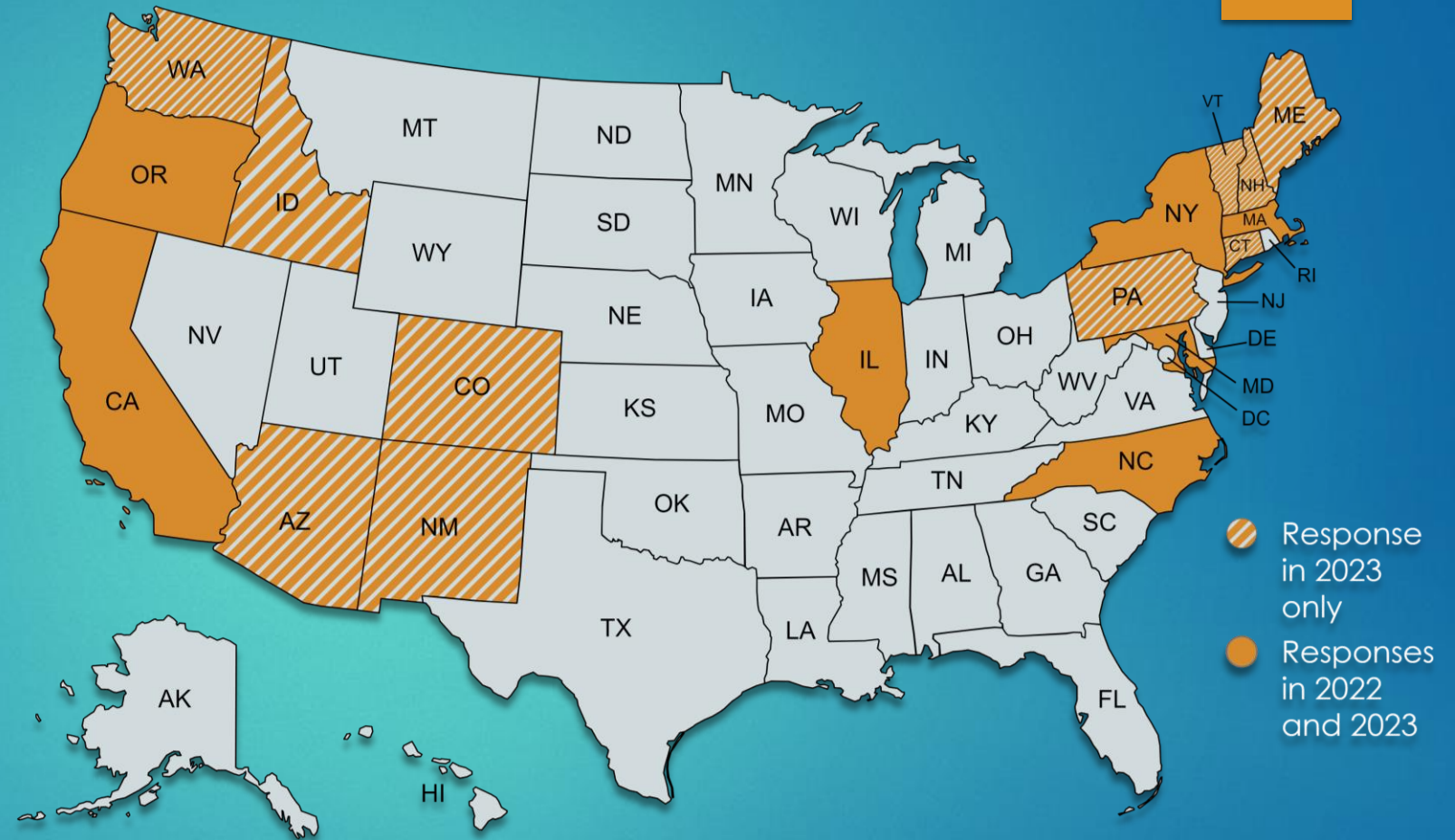
Topics: services offered, procedures, operational characteristics, utilization rates



Length: 20 Minutes; Compensation: \$25

Results: Sample Overview

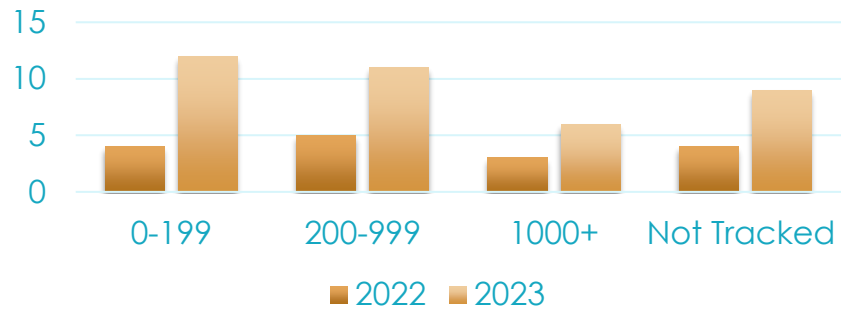
2022	2023
16 Responses	36 Responses
3 Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US • Canada • Mexico 	5 Countries* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US • Mexico • Columbia • Peru • Chile
7 US States	14 US States



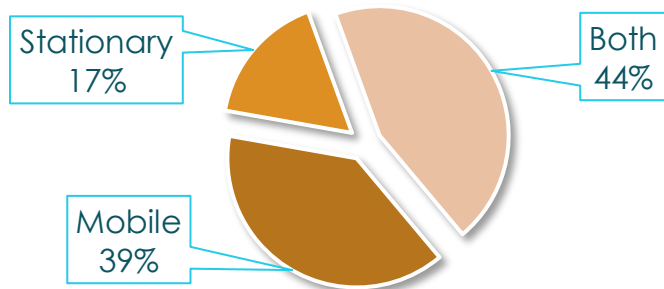
*Note: In 2023 a separate team conducted the Canadian portion of the survey

Results (N=36)

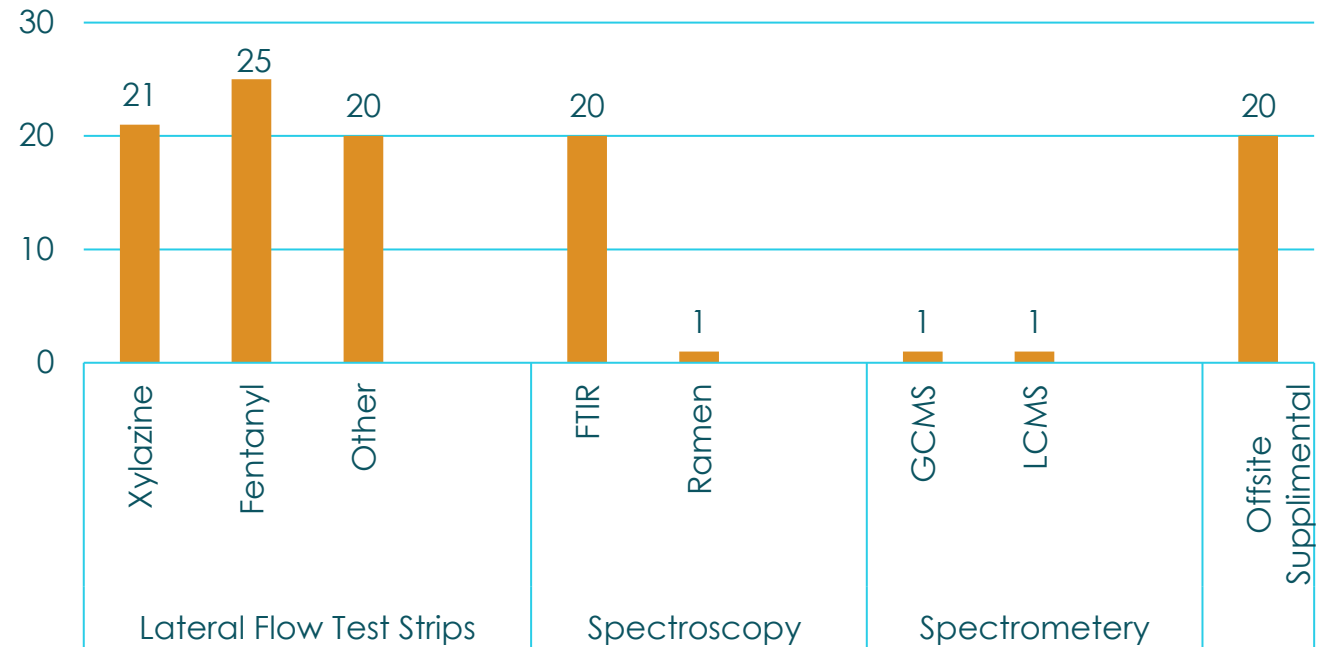
Annual Sample Count



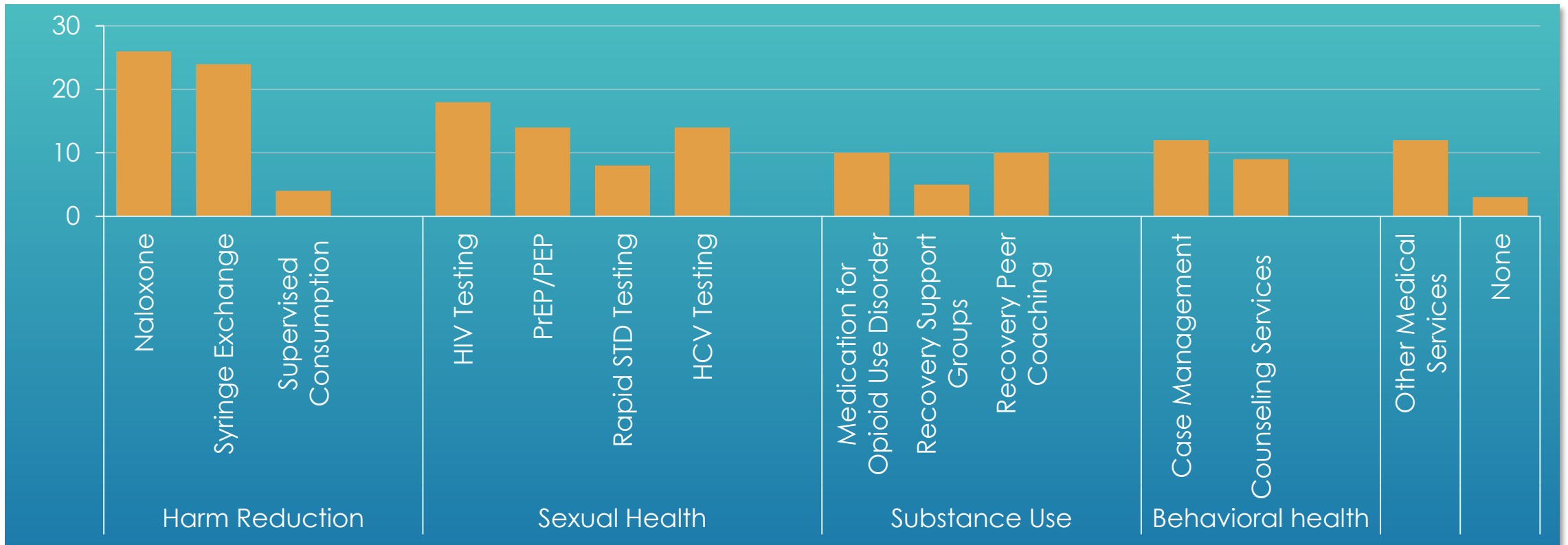
Mobile/ Stationary



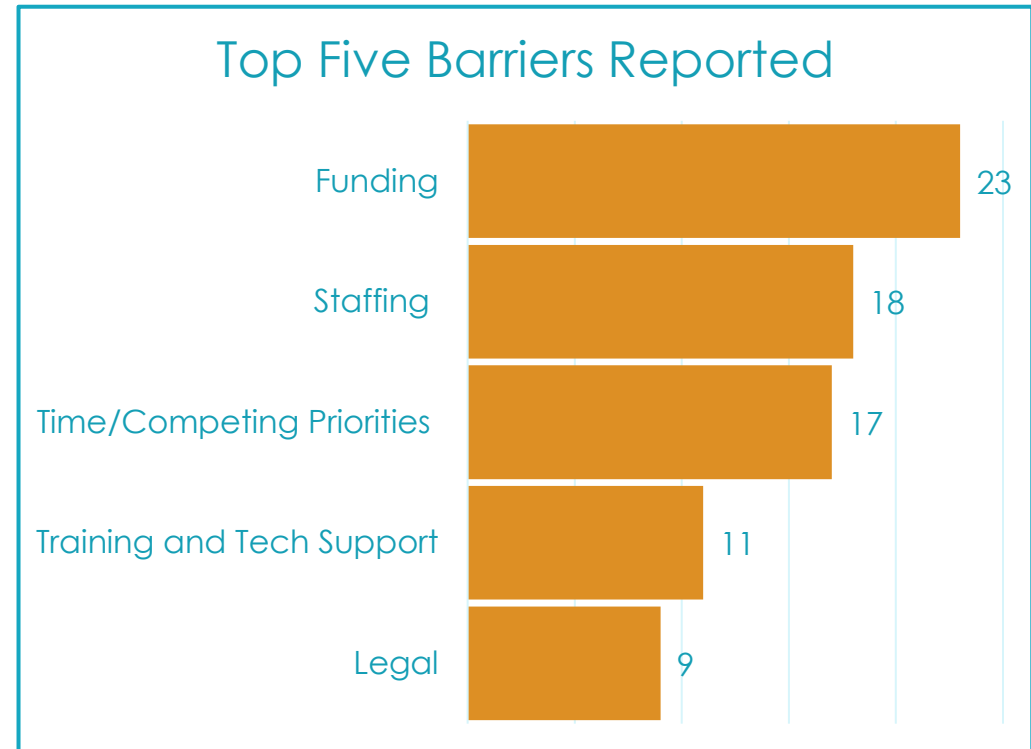
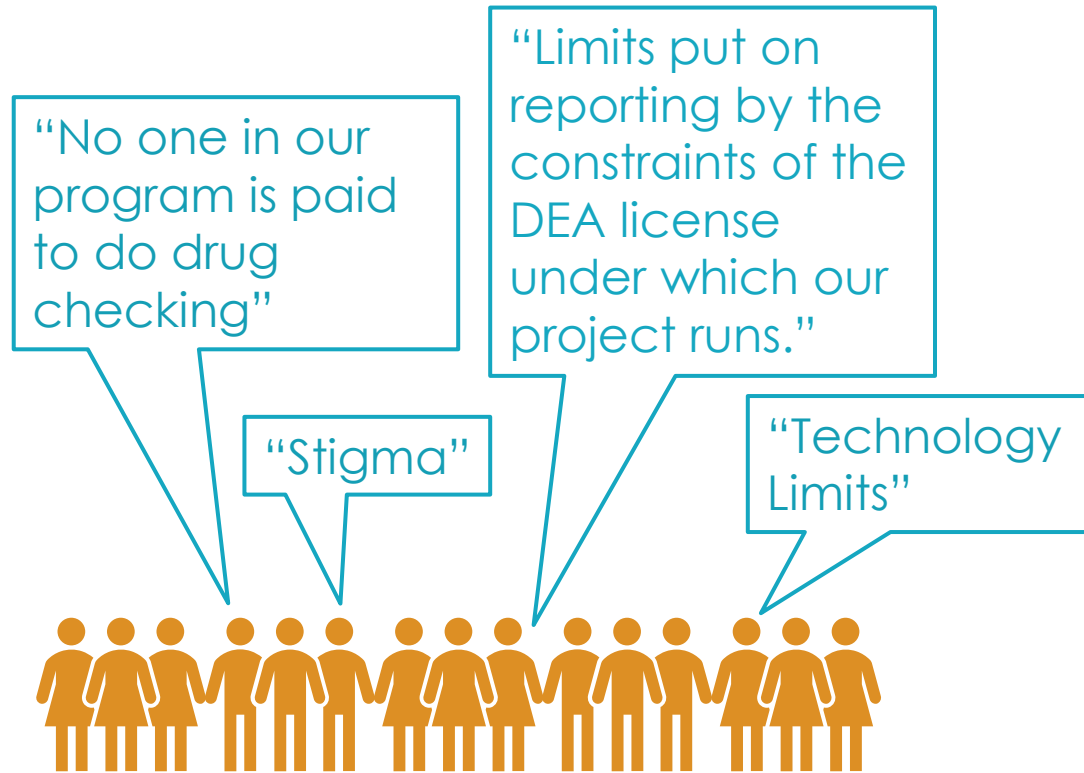
Testing Methods Offered



Number of Programs Offering (N=36)



Barriers (N=26)



Note: Categories were not mutually exclusive

Conclusion

▶ Drug checking:

- ▶ Is rapidly expanding
- ▶ Is vital to the continuum-of-care for individuals in active substance use
- ▶ Creates opportunities for use of harm reduction strategies

▶ Next Steps:

- ▶ Further support is needed to incorporate these services alongside existing harm reduction and medical services
- ▶ Services should be offered in all languages spoken by the community
- ▶ We will continue this survey annually

Thank you!

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